

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 3, please replace the paragraph that starts on line 1 with the word “he” and ends on line 13 with the word “intensity” with the following amended paragraph:

The ~~he~~ interference pattern can include regions of high intensity and regions of low intensity. The liquid crystal can align relative to the alignment material based on the intensity of the interference pattern. In some embodiments, the liquid crystal aligns substantially homeotropically or homogeneously where the alignment material is exposed to regions of high intensity. Alternatively, or additionally, the liquid crystal can align substantially homeotropically or homogeneously where the alignment material is exposed to regions of low intensity.